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SUBJ: CONSULAR REQUIREMENTS FOR NEA POSTS

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1. CAIRO HAS RECEIVED APPROVED PETITIONS FOR 677 RPT 677 PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS, ALL IRAQI NATIONALS, SINCE JANUARY 1976, 298 RPT 298 OF THESE IN SEPTEMBER SINCE PETITIONERS HAVE LEARNED CAIRO'S EFFORTS HANDLE ALL CASES EXPEDITIOUSLY. WHILE 306 RPT 306 IRAQI IMMIGRANT VISAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED SINCE JANUARY, THESE DO NOT REFLECT TRUE NUMBER OF REGISTRANTS AS MAJORITY IRAQI BENEFICIARIES ARE MARRIED WITH SPOUSE AND CHILDREN ALSO APPLYING. THUS NUMBER SHOWN FOR PETITIONS IS ACTUALLY LESS THAN TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICANTS WHO MUST BE EVENTUALLY PROCESSED.

2. IRAQIS ARRIVE IN CAIRO ANTICIPATING IMMEDIATE ACTION VISA ISSUANCE WHICH APPARENTLY WAS EFFECTED IN BEIURT. DIFFERENCE LIES IN FACT EMBASSY BEIRUT HANDLED SUCH CASES IN USUAL MANNER, I.E., PACKAGES 1, 3, ETC., AND WHEN APPLICANTS FINALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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INVITED APPEAR AT THAT EMBASSY IT WAS FOR FORMAL

VISA INTERVIEW AND ISSUANCE IF ELIGIBLE. NOW MOST APPEAR AT EMBASSY CAIRO PRIOR TO RECEIPT HERE OF PETITION APPROVAL. OCCASIONALLY THE BENEFICIARY HAS COPY OF PETITION APPROVAL NOTICE SENT PETITIONER AND THIS IS USED BY OUR EMBASSY TO REQUEST FILE AND/OR CLEARANCE. HOWEVER, THE INCREASE IN INQUIRIES OF THIS NATURE ALONE IS OVERWHELMING FOR THE ALREADY OVERTAXED TRAINED IMMIGRANT VISA ASSISTANT. PRESENT CONSULAR OFFICERS AT THE POST ARE FULLY OCCUPIED BOTH WITH VISA INTERVIEWS AS WELL AS OTHER CONSULAR MATTERS AND CANNOT DEVOTE TIME TO ANSWERING QUESTIONS OR TRAINING NEW LOCAL PERSONNEL WHO ARE TO DATE FAMILIAR ONLY WITH NON-IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS. FOR THIS REASON, IT IS NOT FELT AN FSL ON TEMPORARY BASIS WOULD SERVE PRESENT NEED AS TRAINING OF PERMANENT PERSONNEL IS FELT MORE IMPORTANT.

3. AN EXPERIENCED US CONSULAR OFFICER WHO COULD HANDLE INQUIRIES, CONDUCT VISA INTERVIEWS, ASSIST IN TRAINING OF LOCAL STAFF AT LEAST FOR THE TEMPORARY PERIOD MENTIONED REF A WOULD (A) RELIEVE THE CONGESTED WAITING SPACE BY ANSWERING ORAL INQUIRIES PROMPTLY, (B) REMOVE SOME OF THE PRESSURE ON LOCAL STAFF, (C) PERMIT OFFICERS TO CATCH UP WITH BACKLOG OF OTHER CONSULAR DUTIES. HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF THE TDY PERIOD IT MIGHT BE CLEAR AS TO WHETHER THE NUMBERS OF IRAQIS COMING TO CAIRO COULD BE EXPECTED TO DECREASE.

4. NON-IMMIGRANT VISA LOAD SHOWS 200 TO 250 MORE ISSUED THAN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OF 1975 AND APPROXIMATELY 225 MORE NOTARIAL SERVICES FOR EACH OF THOSE SAME MONTHS OF 1976 AS COMPARED WITH 1975. THE INCREASE IN NIVS IS ATTRIBUTED MAINLY TO LEBANESE APPLICANTS. NONE OF THE STATISTICS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NUMBERS OF US CITIZENS WHO DESIRE TO SPEAK ONLY WITH A UNITED STATES CONSULAR OFFICER.

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5. EMBASSY WOULD THEREFORE GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPT'S AUTHORIZING TDY OF CONSULAR OFFICER JAMES BUDEIT TO CAIRO FROM OCT. 14 TO DEC 1. TEMPORARY LODGING HAS JUST BECOME AVAILABLE TO ACCOMMODATE BUDEIT. PLEASE ADVISE.
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